PLANT FACT SHEET

Hydnocarpus castaneus Hook. f. & Thomson

GENUS *Hydnocarpus* **FAMILY** Achariaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. blt grows 7-30 m tall. The leaves are almost entire and broadly sword shaped. They are 12-20 cm long and 3-5 cm wide. They are unequal sided at the base. The flowers are in clusters in the axils of leaves. They have a sweet scent. Trees are separately male and female. The fruit is woody and 10-12 cm across. It contains 30-50 seeds. They are hard and packed in pulp.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dense forests on sandy and rocky soils near water. In southern China it grows in evergreen broad-leaved forests between 300-1,300 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in September of one year and fruit November to June the next year.

NOTES

The oil has in the past been used as a treatment for leprosy. Also put in the Flacourtiaceae family.

PICTURES



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